

63J-8-101. Title.

This chapter is known as "State of Utah Resource Management Plan for Federal Lands."

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63J-8-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "ACEC" means an area of critical environmental concern as defined in 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1702.

(2) "AUM" means animal unit months, a unit of grazing forage.

(3) "BLM" means the United States Bureau of Land Management.

(4) "BLM recommended wilderness" means a wilderness study area recommended for wilderness designation in the final report of the president of the United States to the United States Congress in 1993.

(5) "Federal land use designation" means one or a combination of the following congressional or federal actions included in proposed congressional land use legislation:

(a) designation of wilderness within the National Wilderness Preservation System;

(b) designation of a national conservation area;

(c) designation of a watercourse within the National Wild and Scenic River System;

(d) designation of an ACEC;

(e) designation of a national monument in accordance with the Antiquities Act of 1906, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 431 et seq. or by Congress;

(f) designation of a national park within the National Park System;

(g) designation of a national recreational area; or

(h) any other designation, classification, categorization, reservation, withdrawal, or similar action that has the purpose or effect of eliminating, restricting, or reducing energy and mineral development, motorized travel, grazing, active vegetation management, or any other traditional multiple use on public land.

(6) "FLPMA" means the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq.

(7) "Forest Service" means the United States Forest Service within the United States Department of Agriculture.

(8) "Green River Energy Zone" means the lands described as follows in Subsections (8)(a) and (b), as more fully illustrated in the maps prepared by the Carbon County and Emery County GIS Departments in February 2013, each entitled "2013 Green River Energy Zone":

(a) BLM and Forest Service lands in Carbon County that are situated in the following townships: Township 12S Range 6E, Township 12S Range 7E, Township 12S Range 8E, Township 12S Range 9E, Township 12S Range 10E, Township 12S Range 11E, Township 12S Range 12E, Township 12S Range 13E, Township 12S Range 14E, Township 12S Range 15E, Township 12S Range 16E, Township 12S

Range 17E, Township 12S Range 18E, Township 13S Range 6E, Township 13S Range 8E, Township 13S Range 9E, Township 13S Range 10E, Township 13S Range 11E, Township 13S Range 12E, Township 13S Range 13E, Township 13S Range 14E, Township 13S Range 15E, Township 13S Range 16E, Township 13S Range 17E, Township 14S Range 6E, Township 14S Range 8E, Township 14S Range 9E, Township 14S Range 11E, Township 14S Range 12E, Township 14S Range 13E, Township 14S Range 14E, Township 14S Range 15E, Township 14S Range 16E, Township 14S Range 17E, Township 15S Range 7E, Township 15S Range 8E, Township 15S Range 9E, Township 15S Range 10E, Township 15S Range 11E, Township 15S Range 12E, Township 15S Range 13E, Township 15S Range 14E, Township 15S Range 15E, and Township 15S Range 16E; and

(b) BLM and Forest Service lands in Emery County, excluding any areas that are or may be designated as wilderness, national conservation areas, or wild or scenic rivers, that are situated in the following townships and represented in the Emery County Public Land Management Act DRAFT Map prepared by Emery County and available at emerycounty.com/publiclands/LANDS-USE-15.pdf:

Township 13S Range 6E, Township 14S Range 6E, Township 14S Range 7E, Township 15S Range 6E, Township 15S Range 7E, Township 16S Range 6E, Township 16S Range 7E, Township 16S Range 8E, Township 16S Range 9E, Township 16S Range 10E, Township 16S Range 11E, Township 16S Range 12E, Township 16S Range 13E, Township 16S Range 14E, Township 16S Range 15E, Township 17S Range 6E, Township 17S Range 7E, Township 17S Range 8E, Township 17S Range 9E, Township 17S Range 10E, Township 17S Range 11E, Township 17S Range 12E, Township 17S Range 13E, Township 17S Range 14E, Township 17S Range 15E, Township 18S Range 6E, Township 18S Range 7E, Township 18S Range 8E, Township 18S Range 9E, Township 18S Range 10E, Township 18S Range 11E, Township 18S Range 12E, Township 18S Range 13E, Township 18S Range 14E, Township 18S Range 15E, Township 19S Range 6E, Township 19S Range 7E, Township 19S Range 8E, Township 19S Range 9E, Township 19S Range 10E, Township 19S Range 11E, Township 19S Range 12E, Township 19S Range 13E, Township 19S Range 14E, Township 19S Range 15E, Township 20S Range 6E, Township 20S Range 7E, Township 20S Range 8E, Township 20S Range 9E, Township 20S Range 10E, Township 20S Range 11E, Township 20S Range 12E, Township 20S Range 13E, Township 20S Range 14E, Township 20S Range 15E, Township 20S Range 16E, Township 21S Range 6E, Township 21S Range 7E, Township 21S Range 8E, Township 21S Range 9E, Township 21S Range 14E, Township 21S Range 15E, Township 21S Range 16E, Township 22S Range 6E, Township 22S Range 7E, Township 22S Range 8E, Township 22S Range 9E, Township 22S Range 14E, Township 22S Range 15E, Township 22S Range 16E, Township 23S Range 6E, Township 23S Range 7E, Township 23S Range 8E, Township 23S Range 9E, Township 23S Range 13E, Township 23S Range 14E, Township 23S Range 15E, Township 23S Range 16E, Township 24S Range 6E, Township 24S Range 7E, Township 24S Range 8E, Township 24S Range 12E, Township 24S Range 13E, Township 24S Range 14E, Township 24S Range 15E, Township 24S Range 16E, Township 24S Range 17E, Township 25S Range 6E,

Township 25S Range 7E, Township 25S Range 8E, Township 25S Range 11E, Township 25S Range 12E, Township 25S Range 13E, Township 25S Range 14E, Township 25S Range 15E, Township 25S Range 16E, Township 25S Range 17E, Township 26S Range 6E, Township 26S Range 7E, Township 26S Range 8E, Township 26S Range 9E, Township 26S Range 10E, Township 26S Range 11E, Township 26S Range 12E, Township 26S Range 13E, Township 26S Range 14E, Township 26S Range 15E, Township 26S Range 16E, and Township 26S Range 17E.

(9) "Multiple use" means proper stewardship of the subject lands pursuant to Section 103(c) of FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1702(c).

(10) "National conservation area" means an area designated by Congress and managed by the BLM.

(11) "National wild and scenic river" means a watercourse:

(a) identified in a BLM or Forest Service planning process; or

(b) designated as part of the National Wild and Scenic River System.

(12) "National Wild and Scenic River System" means the National Wild and Scenic River System established in 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1271 et seq.

(13) "Office" means the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office created in Section 63J-4-602.

(14) "OHV" means off-highway vehicle as defined in Section 41-22-2.

(15) "Proposed congressional land use legislation" means a draft or a working document of congressional legislation prepared by a person that includes a federal land use designation.

(16) "RARE II" means the second United States Forest Service Roadless Area Review and Evaluation report of 1984.

(17) "R.S. 2477 right-of-way" means a right-of-way established in accordance with 43 U.S.C. Sec. 932 repealed by FLPMA 1976.

(18) "Settlement Agreement" means the written agreement between the state and the Department of the Interior in 2003 (revised in 2005) that resolved the case of State of Utah v. Gale Norton, Secretary of Interior (United States District Court, D. Utah, Case No. 2:96cv0870).

(19) "SITLA" means the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration as created in Section 53C-1-201.

(20) (a) "Subject lands" means the following non-WSA BLM lands:

(i) in Beaver County:

(A) Mountain Home Range South, Jackson Wash, The Toad, North Wah Wah Mountains, Central Wah Wah Mountains, and San Francisco Mountains according to the region map entitled "Great Basin Central" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011; and

(B) White Rock Range, South Wah Wah Mountains, and Granite Peak according to the region map entitled "Great Basin South" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(ii) in Box Elder County: Little Goose Creek, Grouse Creek Mountains North,

Grouse Creek Mountains South, Bald Eagle Mountain, Central Pilot Range, Pilot Peak, Crater Island West, Crater Island East, Newfoundland Mountains, and Grassy Mountains North according to the region map entitled "Great Basin North" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(iii) in Carbon County: Desbrough Canyon and Turtle Canyon according to the region map entitled "Book Cliffs" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(iv) in Daggett County: Goslin Mountain, Home Mountain, Red Creek Badlands, O-wi-yu-kuts, Lower Flaming Gorge, Crouse Canyon, and Diamond Breaks according to the region map entitled "Dinosaur" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(v) in Duchesne County: Desbrough Canyon according to the region map entitled "Book Cliffs" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(vi) in Emery County:

(A) San Rafael River and Sweetwater Reef, according to the region map entitled "Canyonlands Basin" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(B) Flat Tops according to the region map entitled "Glen Canyon," which is available by clicking the link entitled "Dirty Devil" at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011; and

(C) Price River, Lost Spring Wash, Eagle Canyon, Upper Muddy Creek, Molen Reef, Rock Canyon, Mussentuchit Badland, and Muddy Creek, according to the region map entitled "San Rafael Swell" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(vii) in Garfield County:

(A) Pole Canyon, according to the region map entitled "Great Basin South" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(B) Dirty Devil, Fiddler Butte, Little Rockies, Cane Spring Desert, and Cane Spring Desert Adjacents, according to the region map entitled "Glen Canyon," which is available by clicking the link entitled "Dirty Devil" at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(C) Lampstand, Wide Hollow, Steep Creek, Brinkerhof Flats, Little Valley Canyon, Death Hollow, Studhorse Peaks, Box Canyon, Heaps Canyon, North

Escalante Canyon, Colt Mesa, East of Bryce, Slopes of Canaan Peak, Horse Spring Canyon, Muley Twist Flank, Pioneer Mesa, Slopes of Bryce, Blue Hills, Mud Springs Canyon, Carcass Canyon, Willis Creek North, Kodachrome Basin, and Kodachrome Headlands, according to the region map entitled "Grand Staircase Escalante" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011; and

(D) Notom Bench, Mount Ellen, Bull Mountain, Dogwater Creek, Ragged Mountain, Mount Pennell, Mount Hillers, Bullfrog Creek, and Long Canyon, according to the region map entitled "Henry Mountains" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(viii) in Iron County: Needle Mountains, Steamboat Mountain, Broken Ridge, Paradise Mountains, Crook Canyon, Hamlin, North Peaks, Mount Escalante, and Antelope Ridge, according to the region map entitled "Great Basin South" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(ix) in Juab County: Deep Creek Mountains, Essex Canyon, Kern Mountains, Wild Horse Pass, Disappointment Hills, Granite Mountain, Middle Mountains, Tule Valley, Fish Springs Ridge, Thomas Range, Drum Mountains, Dugway Mountains, Keg Mountains West, Keg Mountains East, Lion Peak, and Rockwell Little Sahara, according to the region map entitled "Great Basin Central" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(x) in Kane County:

(A) Willis Creek North, Willis Creek, Kodachrome Badlands, Mud Springs Canyon, Carcass Canyon, Scorpion, Bryce Boot, Paria-Hackberry Canyons, Fiftymile Canyon, Hurricane Wash, Upper Kanab Creek, Timber Mountain, Nephi Point, Paradise Canyon, Wahweap Burning Hills, Fiftymile Bench, Forty Mile Gulch, Sooner Bench 1, 2, & 3, Rock Cove, Warm Bench, Andalex Not, Vermillion Cliffs, Ladder Canyon, The Cockscomb, Nipple Bench, Moquith Mountain, Bunting Point, Glass Eye Canyon, and Pine Hollow, according to the region map entitled "Grand Staircase Escalante" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011; and

(B) Orderville Canyon, Jolley Gulch, and Parunuweap Canyon, according to the region map entitled "Zion/Mohave" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(xi) in Millard County: Kern Mountains, Wild Horse Pass, Disappointment Hills, Granite Mountain, Middle Mountains, Tule Valley, Swasey Mountain, Little Drum Mountains North, Little Drum Mountains South, Drum Mountains, Snake Valley, Coyote Knoll, Howell Peak, Tule Valley South, Ledger Canyon, Chalk Knolls, Orr Ridge, Notch

View, Bullgrass Knoll, Notch Peak, Barn Hills, Cricket Mountains, Burbank Pass, Middle Burbank Hills, King Top, Barn Hills, Red Tops, Middle Burbank Hills, Juniper, Painted Rock Mountain, Black Hills, Tunnel Springs, Red Canyon, Sand Ridge, Little Sage Valley, Cat Canyon, Headlight Mountain, Black Hills, Mountain Range Home North, Tweedy Wash, North Wah Wah Mountains, Jackson Wash, and San Francisco Mountains, according to the region map entitled "Great Basin Central" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(xii) in Piute County: Kingston Ridge, Rocky Ford, and Phonolite Hill, according to the region map entitled "Great Basin South" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(xiii) in San Juan County:

(A) Horseshoe Point, Deadhorse Cliffs, Gooseneck, Demon's Playground, Hatch Canyon, Lockhart Basin, Indian Creek, Hart's Point, Butler Wash, Bridger Jack Mesa, and Shay Mountain, according to the region map entitled "Canyonlands Basin" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(B) Dark Canyon, Copper Point, Fortknocker Canyon, White Canyon, The Needle, Red Rock Plateau, Upper Red Canyon, and Tuwa Canyon, according to the region map entitled "Glen Canyon," which is available by clicking the link entitled "Dirty Devil" at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(C) Hunters Canyon, Behind the Rocks, Mill Creek, and Coyote Wash, according to the region map entitled "Moab/La Sal" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011; and

(D) Hammond Canyon, Allen Canyon, Mancos Jim Butte, Arch Canyon, Monument Canyon, Tin Cup Mesa, Cross Canyon, Nokai Dome, Grand Gulch, Fish and Owl Creek Canyons, Comb Ridge, Road Canyon, The Tabernacle, Lime Creek, San Juan River, and Valley of the Gods, according to the region map entitled "San Juan" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(xiv) in Sevier County: Rock Canyon, Mussentuchit Badland, Limestone Cliffs, and Jones' Bench, according to the region map entitled "San Rafael Swell" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(xv) in Tooele County:

(A) Silver Island Mountains, Crater Island East, Grassy Mountains North,

Grassy Mountains South, Stansbury Island, Cedar Mountains North, Cedar Mountains Central, Cedar Mountains South, North Stansbury Mountains, Oquirrh Mountains, and Big Hollow, according to the region map entitled "Great Basin North" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011, excluding the areas that Congress designated as wilderness under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006; and

(B) Ochre Mountain, Deep Creek Mountains, Dugway Mountains, Indian Peaks, and Lion Peak, according to the region map entitled "Great Basin Central" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(xvi) in Uintah County:

(A) White River, Lower Bitter Creek, Sunday School Canyon, Dragon Canyon, Wolf Point, Winter Ridge, Seep Canyon, Bitter Creek, Hideout Canyon, Sweetwater Canyon, and Hell's Hole, according to the region map entitled "Book Cliffs" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011; and

(B) Lower Flaming Gorge, Crouse Canyon Stone Bridge Draw, Diamond Mountain, Wild Mountain, Split Mountain Benches, Vivas Cake Hill, Split Mountain Benches South, Beach Draw, Stuntz Draw, Moonshine Draw, Bourdette Draw, and Bull Canyon, according to the region map entitled "Dinosaur" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(xvii) in Washington County: Cougar Canyon, Docs Pass, Slaughter Creek, Butcher Knife Canyon, Square Top, Scarecrow Creek, Beaver Dam Wash, Beaver Dam Mountains North, Beaver Dam Mountains South, Joshua Tree, Beaver Dam Wilderness Expansion, Red Mountain, Cottonwood Canyon, Taylor Canyon, LaVerkin Creek, Beartrap Canyon, Deep Creek, Black Ridge, Red Butte, Kolob Creek, Goose Creek, Dry Creek, Zion National Park Adjacent, Crater Hill, The Watchman, and Canaan Mountain, according to the region map entitled "Zion/Mohave" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011, excluding the areas that Congress designated as wilderness and conservation areas under the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009; and

(xviii) in Wayne County:

(A) Sweetwater Reef, Upper Horseshoe Canyon, and Labyrinth Canyon, according to the region map entitled "Canyonlands Basin" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(B) Flat Tops and Dirty Devil, according to the region map entitled "Glen Canyon," which is available by clicking the link entitled "Dirty Devil" at the webpage

entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(C) Fremont Gorge, Pleasant Creek Bench, Notom Bench, Mount Ellen, and Bull Mountain, according to the region map entitled "Henry Mountains" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011; and

(D) Capital Reef Adjacents, Muddy Creek, Wild Horse Mesa, North Blue Flats, Red Desert, and Factory Butte, according to the region map entitled "San Rafael Swell" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011.

(b) "Subject lands" also includes all BLM and Forest Service lands in the state that are not Wilderness Area or Wilderness Study Areas;

(c) "Subject lands" does not include the following lands that are the subject of consideration for a possible federal lands bill and should be managed according to the 2008 Price BLM Field Office Resource Management Plan until a federal lands bill provides otherwise:

(i) Turtle Canyon and Desolation Canyon according to the region map entitled "Book Cliffs" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

(ii) Labyrinth Canyon, Duma Point, and Horseshoe Point, according to the region map entitled "Canyonlands Basin" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011; and

(iii) Devil's Canyon, Sid's Mountain, Mexican Mountain, San Rafael Reef, Hondu Country, Cedar Mountain, and Wild Horse, according to the region map entitled "San Rafael Swell" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011.

(21) "Uintah Basin Energy Zone" means BLM and Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah counties, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Uintah County GIS Department in February 2012 entitled "Uintah Basin Utah Energy Zone":

(a) in Daggett County, Township 3N Range 17 E, Township 3N Range 18E, Township 3N Range 19E, Township 3N Range 20E, Township 3N Range 22E, Township 3N Range 23E, Township 3N Range 24E, Township 3N Range 25E, Township 2N Range 17E, Township 2N Range 18E, Township 2N Range 19E, Township 2N Range 20E, Township 2N Range 21E, and Township 2S Range 25E;

(b) in Duchesne County, Township 3N Range 4W, Township 3N Range 3W, Township 3N Range 2W, Township 3N Range 1W, Township 2N Range 6W, Township 2N Range 5W, Township 2N Range 4W, Township 2N Range 3W, Township 2N Range 1W, Township 1N Range 9W, Township 1N Range 8W, Township 1N Range

7W, Township 1N Range 6W, Township 1S Range 9W, Township 1S Range 8W, Township 4S Range 9W, Township 4S Range 3W, Township 4S Range 2W, Township 4S Range 1W, Township 8S Range 15E, Township 8S Range 16E, Township 8S Range 17E, Township 5S Range 9W, Township 5S Range 3W, Township 9S Range 15E, Township 9S Range 16E, Township 9S Range 17E, Township 6S Range 9W, Township 6S Range 8W, Township 6S Range 7W, Township 6S Range 6W, Township 6S Range 5W, Township 6S Range 3W, Township 10S Range 15E, Township 10S Range 16E, Township 10S Range 17E, Township 7S Range 9W, Township 7S Range 8W, Township 7S Range 7W, Township 7S Range 6W, Township 7S Range 5W, Township 7S Range 4W, Township 10S Range 11E, Township 10S Range 12E, Township 10S Range 13E, Township 10S Range 14E, Township 10S Range 15E, Township 10S Range 16E, Township 10S Range 17E, Township 11S Range 10E, Township 11S Range 11E, Township 11S Range 12E, Township 11S Range 13E, Township 11S Range 14E, Township 11S Range 15E, Township 11S Range 16E, and Township 11S Range 17E; and

(c) in Uintah County: Township 2S Range 18E, Township 2S Range 19E, Township 2S Range 20E, Township 2S Range 21E, Township 2S Range 22E, Township 2S Range 23E, Township 2S Range 24E, Township 2N Range 1W, Township 2N Range 1E, Township 2N Range 2E, Township 3S Range 18E, Township 3S Range 19E, Township 3S Range 20E, Township 3S Range 21E, Township 3S Range 22E, Township 3S Range 23E, Township 3S Range 24E, Township 4S Range 19E, Township 4S Range 20E, Township 4S Range 21E, Township 4S Range 22E, Township 4S Range 23E, Township 4S Range 24E, Township 4S Range 25E, Township 5S Range 19E, Township 5S Range 20E, Township 5S Range 21E, Township 5S Range 22E, Township 5S Range 23E, Township 5S Range 24E, Township 5S Range 25E, Township 6S Range 19E, Township 6S Range 20E, Township 6S Range 21E, Township 6S Range 22E, Township 6S Range 23E, Township 6S Range 24E, Township 6S Range 25E, Township 7S Range 19E, Township 7S Range 20E, Township 7S Range 21E, Township 7S Range 22E, Township 7S Range 23E, Township 7S Range 24E, Township 7S Range 25E, Township 8S Range 17E, Township 8S Range 18E, Township 8S Range 19E, Township 8S Range 20E, Township 8S Range 21E, Township 8S Range 22E, Township 8S Range 23E, Township 8S Range 24E, Township 8S Range 25E, Township 9S Range 17E, Township 9S Range 18E, Township 9S Range 19E, Township 9S Range 20E, Township 9S Range 21E, Township 9S Range 22E, Township 9S Range 23E, Township 9S Range 24E, Township 9S Range 25E, Township 10S Range 17E, Township 10S Range 18E, Township 10S Range 19E, Township 10S Range 20E, Township 10S Range 21E, Township 10S Range 22E, Township 10S Range 23E, Township 10S Range 24E, Township 10S Range 25E, Township 11S Range 17E, Township 11S Range 18E, Township 11S Range 19E, Township 11S Range 20E, Township 11S Range 21E, Township 11S Range 22E, Township 11S Range 23E, Township 11S Range 24E, Township 11S Range 25E, Township 12S Range 20E, Township 12S Range 21E, Township 12S Range 22E, Township 12S Range 23E, Township 12S Range 24E, Township 12S Range 25E, Township 13S Range 20E, Township 13S Range 21E, Township 13S Range 22E,

Township 13S Range 23E, Township 13S Range 24E, Township 13S Range 25E, Township 13S Range 26 E, Township 14S Range 21E, Township 14S Range 22E, Township 14S Range 23E, Township 14S Range 24E, Township 14S Range 25E, and Township 14S Range 26E.

(22) "Wilderness" is as defined in 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1131.

(23) "Wilderness area" means those BLM and Forest Service lands added to the National Wilderness Preservation System by an act of Congress.

(24) "Wilderness Preservation System" means the Wilderness Preservation System established in 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1131 et seq.

(25) "WSA" and "Wilderness Study Area" mean the BLM lands in Utah that were identified as having the necessary wilderness character and were classified as wilderness study areas during the BLM wilderness review conducted between 1976 and 1993 by authority of 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1782 and labeled as Wilderness Study Areas within the final report of the President of the United States to the United States Congress in 1993.

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63J-8-103. State participation in managing public lands.

In view of the requirement in FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1712, that BLM must work through a planning process that is coordinated with other federal, state, and local planning efforts before making decisions about the present and future uses of public lands, the requirement in FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1714 that BLM may not withdraw or otherwise designate BLM lands for specific purposes without congressional approval, and the requirement in the Forest Service Multiple-Use Sustained Yield Act of 1960, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 528, that lands within the national forests be managed according to the principles of multiple use, and in view of the right which FLPMA, the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 4321 et seq. and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, give to state and local governments to participate in all BLM and Forest Service efforts to plan for the responsible use of BLM and Forest Service lands and the requirement that BLM and the Forest Service coordinate planning efforts with those of state and local government, the state adopts the following policy for the management of the subject lands:

(1) Pursuant to the proper allocation of governmental authority between the several states and the federal government, the implementation of congressional acts concerning the subject lands must recognize the concurrent jurisdiction of the states and accord full recognition to state interpretation of congressional acts, as reflected in state law, plans, programs, and policies, insofar as the interpretation does not violate the Supremacy Clause, U.S. Constitution, Article VI, Clause 2.

(2) Differences of opinion between the state's plans and policies on use of the subject lands and any proposed decision concerning the subject lands pursuant to federal planning or other federal decision making processes should be mutually resolved between the authorized federal official, including federal officials from other federal agencies advising the authorized federal official in any capacity, and the governor of Utah.

(3) The subject lands managed by the BLM are to be managed to the basic standard of the prevention of undue and unnecessary degradation of the lands, as required by FLPMA. A more restrictive management standard should not apply except through duly adopted statutory or regulatory processes wherein each specific area is evaluated pursuant to the provisions of the BLM's planning process and those of the National Environmental Policy Act.

(4) The subject lands should not be segregated into separate geographical areas for management that resembles the management of wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlands, lands with wilderness characteristics, or the like.

(5) The BLM and the Forest Service should make plans for the use of the subject lands and resources subject to their management pursuant to statutorily authorized processes, with due regard for the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, by:

(a) recognizing that the duly adopted Resource Management Plan or Forest Service equivalent is the fundamental planning document, which may be revised or amended from time to time;

(b) avoiding and eliminating any form of guidance or policy that has the effect of prescreening, segregating, or imposing any form of management requirements upon any of the subject lands and resources prior to any of the planning processes subject to Subsection (5)(a); and

(c) avoiding and eliminating all forms of planning that parallel or duplicate the planning processes subject to Subsection (5)(a).

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63J-8-104. State land use planning and management program.

(1) The BLM and Forest Service land use plans should produce planning documents consistent with state and local land use plans to the maximum extent consistent with federal law and FLPMA's purposes, by incorporating the state's land use planning and management program for the subject lands that is as follows:

(a) preserve traditional multiple use and sustained yield management on the subject lands to:

(i) achieve and maintain in perpetuity a high-level annual or regular periodic output of agricultural, mineral, and various other resources from the subject lands;

(ii) support valid existing transportation, mineral, and grazing privileges in the subject lands at the highest reasonably sustainable levels;

(iii) produce and maintain the desired vegetation for watersheds, timber, food, fiber, livestock forage, wildlife forage, and minerals that are necessary to meet present needs and future economic growth and community expansion in each county where the subject lands are situated without permanent impairment of the productivity of the land;

(iv) meet the recreational needs and the personal and business-related transportation needs of the citizens of each county where the subject lands are situated by providing access throughout each such county;

(v) meet the needs of wildlife, provided that the respective forage needs of wildlife and livestock are balanced according to the provisions of Subsection

63J-4-401(6)(m);

(vi) protect against adverse effects to historic properties, as defined by 36 C.F.R. Sec. 800;

(vii) meet the needs of community economic growth and development;

(viii) provide for the protection of existing water rights and the reasonable development of additional water rights; and

(ix) provide for reasonable and responsible development of electrical transmission and energy pipeline infrastructure on the subject lands;

(b) (i) do not designate, establish, manage, or treat any of the subject lands as an area with management prescriptions that parallel, duplicate, or resemble the management prescriptions established for wilderness areas or wilderness study areas, including the nonimpairment standard applicable to WSAs or anything that parallels, duplicates, or resembles that nonimpairment standard; and

(ii) recognize, follow, and apply the agreement between the state and the Department of the Interior in the settlement agreement;

(c) call upon the BLM to revoke and revise BLM Manuals H 6301, H 6302, and H 6303, issued on or about February 25, 2011, in light of the settlement agreement and the following principles of this state plan:

(i) BLM lacks congressional authority to manage subject lands, other than WSAs, as if they are or may become wilderness;

(ii) BLM lacks authority to designate geographic areas as lands with wilderness characteristics or designate management prescriptions for such areas other than to use specific geographic-based tools and prescriptions expressly identified in FLPMA;

(iii) BLM lacks authority to manage the subject lands in any manner other than to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation, unless the BLM uses geographic tools expressly identified in FLPMA and does so pursuant to a duly adopted provision of a resource management plan adopted under FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1712;

(iv) BLM inventories for the presence of wilderness characteristics must be closely coordinated with inventories for those characteristics conducted by state and local governments, and should reflect a consensus among those governmental agencies about the existence of wilderness characteristics, as follows:

(A) any inventory of wilderness characteristics should reflect all of the criteria identified in the Wilderness Act of 1964, including:

(I) a size of 5,000 acres or more, containing no visible roads; and

(II) the presence of naturalness, the opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation, and the opportunity for solitude;

(B) geographic areas found to contain the presence of naturalness must appear pristine to the average viewer, and not contain any of the implements, artifacts, or effects of human presence, including:

(I) visible roads, whether maintained or not; and

(II) human-made features such as vehicle bridges, fire breaks, fisheries, enhancement facilities, fire rings, historic mining and other properties, including tailings piles, commercial radio and communication repeater sites, fencing, spring developments, linear disturbances, stock ponds, visible drill pads, pipeline and transmission line rights-of-way, and other similar features;

(C) factors, such as the following, though not necessarily conclusive, should weigh against a determination that a land area has the presence of naturalness:

- (I) the area is or once was the subject of mining and drilling activities;
- (II) mineral and hard rock mining leases exist in the area; and
- (III) the area is in a grazing district with active grazing allotments and visible range improvements;

(D) geographic areas found to contain the presence of solitude should convey the sense of solitude within the entire geographic area identified, otherwise boundary adjustments should be performed in accordance with Subsection (1)(c)(iv)(F);

(E) geographic areas found to contain the presence of an opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation must find these features within the entire area and provide analysis about the effect of the number of visitors to the geographic area upon the presence of primitive or unconfined recreation, otherwise boundary adjustments should be performed in accordance with Subsection (1)(c)(iv)(F);

(F) in addition to the actions required by the review for roads pursuant to the definitions of roads contained in BLM Manual H 6301, or any similar authority, the BLM should, pursuant to its authority to inventory, identify and list all roads or routes identified as part of a local or state governmental transportation system, and consider those routes or roads as qualifying as roads within the definition of the Wilderness Act of 1964; and

(G) BLM should adjust the boundaries for a geographic area to exclude areas that do not meet the criteria of lacking roads, lacking solitude, and lacking primitive and unconfined recreation and the boundaries should be redrawn to reflect an area that clearly meets the criteria above, and which does not employ minor adjustments to simply exclude small areas with human intrusions, specifically:

(I) the boundaries of a proposed geographic area containing lands with wilderness characteristics should not be drawn around roads, rights-of-way, and intrusions; and

(II) lands located between individual human impacts that do not meet the requirements for lands with wilderness characteristics should be excluded;

(v) BLM should consider the responses of the Department of the Interior under cover of the letter dated May 20, 2009, clearly stating that BLM does not have the authority to apply the nonimpairment management standard to the subject lands, or to manage the subject lands in any manner to preserve their suitability for designation as wilderness, when considering the proper management principles for areas that meet the full definition of lands with wilderness characteristics; and

(vi) even if the BLM were to properly inventory an area for the presence of wilderness characteristics, the BLM still lacks authority to make or alter project level decisions to automatically avoid impairment of any wilderness characteristics without express congressional authority to do so;

(d) achieve and maintain at the highest reasonably sustainable levels a continuing yield of energy, hard rock, and nuclear resources in those subject lands with economically recoverable amounts of such resources as follows:

(i) the development of the solid, fluid, and gaseous mineral resources in portions of the subject lands is an important part of the state's economy and the

economies of the respective counties, and should be recognized that it is technically feasible to access mineral and energy resources in portions of the subject lands while preserving or, as necessary, restoring nonmineral and nonenergy resources;

(ii) all available, recoverable solid, fluid, gaseous, and nuclear mineral resources in the subject lands should be seriously considered for contribution or potential contribution to the state's economy and the economies of the respective counties;

(iii) those portions of the subject lands shown to have reasonable mineral, energy, and nuclear potential should be open to leasing, drilling, and other access with reasonable stipulations and conditions, including mitigation, reclamation, and bonding measures where necessary, that will protect the lands against unnecessary and undue damage to other significant resource values;

(iv) federal oil and gas existing lease conditions and restrictions should not be modified, waived, or removed unless the lease conditions or restrictions are no longer necessary or effective;

(v) any prior existing lease restrictions in the subject lands that are no longer necessary or effective should be modified, waived, or removed;

(vi) restrictions against surface occupancy should be eliminated, modified, or waived, where reasonable;

(vii) in the case of surface occupancy restrictions that cannot be reasonably eliminated, modified, or waived, directional drilling should be considered where the mineral and energy resources beneath the area can be reached employing available directional drilling technology;

(viii) applications for permission to drill in the subject lands that meet standard qualifications, including reasonable and effective mitigation and reclamation requirements, should be expeditiously processed and granted; and

(ix) any moratorium that may exist against the issuance of qualified mining patents and oil and gas leases in the subject lands, and any barriers that may exist against developing unpatented mining claims and filing for new claims, should be carefully evaluated for removal;

(e) achieve and maintain livestock grazing in the subject lands at the highest reasonably sustainable levels by adhering to the policies, goals, and management practices set forth in Subsection 63J-4-401(6)(m);

(f) manage the watershed in the subject lands to achieve and maintain water resources at the highest reasonably sustainable levels as follows:

(i) adhere to the policies, goals, and management practices set forth in Subsection 63J-4-401(6)(m);

(ii) deter unauthorized cross-country OHV use in the subject lands by establishing a reasonable system of roads and trails in the subject lands for the use of an OHV, as closing the subject lands to all OHV use will only spur increased and unauthorized use; and

(iii) keep open any road or trail in the subject lands that historically has been open to OHV use, as identified on respective county road maps;

(g) achieve and maintain traditional access to outdoor recreational opportunities available in the subject lands as follows:

(i) hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, family and group parties, family and group campouts and campfires, rock hounding, OHV travel, geological exploring, pioneering, recreational vehicle parking, or just touring in personal vehicles are activities that are important to the traditions, customs, and character of the state and individual counties where the subject lands are located and should continue;

(ii) wildlife hunting, trapping, and fishing should continue at levels determined by the Wildlife Board and the Division of Wildlife Resources and traditional levels of group camping, group day use, and other traditional forms of outdoor recreation, both motorized and nonmotorized, should continue; and

(iii) the broad spectrum of outdoor recreational activities available on the subject lands should be available to citizens for whom a primitive, nonmotorized, outdoor experience is not preferred, affordable, or physically achievable;

(h) (i) keep open to motorized travel, any road in the subject lands that is part of the respective counties' duly adopted transportation plan;

(ii) provide that R.S. 2477 rights-of-way should be recognized by the BLM;

(iii) provide that a county road may be temporarily closed or permanently abandoned only by statutorily authorized action of the county or state;

(iv) provide that the BLM and the Forest Service must recognize and not unduly interfere with a county's ability to maintain and repair roads and, where reasonably necessary, make improvements to the roads; and

(v) recognize that additional roads and trails may be needed in the subject lands from time to time to facilitate reasonable access to a broad range of resources and opportunities throughout the subject lands, including livestock operations and improvements, solid, fluid, and gaseous mineral operations, recreational opportunities and operations, search and rescue needs, other public safety needs, access to public lands for people with disabilities and the elderly, and access to Utah school and institutional trust lands for the accomplishment of the purposes of those lands;

(i) manage the subject lands so as to protect prehistoric rock art, three dimensional structures, and other artifacts and sites recognized as culturally important and significant by the state historic preservation officer or each respective county by imposing reasonable and effective stipulations and conditions reached by agreement between the federal agency and the state authorized officer pursuant to the authority granted by the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 470 et seq.;

(j) manage the subject lands so as to not interfere with the property rights of private landowners as follows:

(i) the state recognizes that there are parcels of private fee land throughout the subject lands;

(ii) land management policies and standards in the subject lands should not interfere with the property rights of any private landowner to enjoy and engage in uses and activities on an individual's private property consistent with controlling county zoning and land use laws; and

(iii) a private landowner or a guest or client of a private landowner should not be denied the right of motorized access to the private landowner's property consistent with past uses of the private property;

(k) manage the subject lands in a manner that supports the fiduciary agreement

made between the state and the federal government concerning the school and institutional trust lands, as managed according to state law, by:

(i) formally recognizing, by duly authorized federal proclamation, the duty of the federal government to support the purposes of the school and institutional trust lands owned by the state and administered by SITLA in trust for the benefit of public schools and other institutions as mandated in the Utah Constitution and the Utah Enabling Act of 1894, 28 Stat. 107;

(ii) actively seeking to support SITLA's fiduciary responsibility to manage the school trust lands to optimize revenue by making the school trust lands available for sale and private development and for other multiple and consumptive use activities such as mineral development, grazing, recreation, timber, and agriculture;

(iii) not interfering with SITLA's ability to carry out its fiduciary responsibilities by the creation of geographical areas burdened with management restrictions that prohibit or discourage the optimization of revenue, without just compensation;

(iv) recognizing SITLA's right of economic access to the school trust lands to enable SITLA to put those sections to use in its fiduciary responsibilities;

(v) recognizing any management plan enacted by SITLA pursuant to Section 53C-2-201; and

(vi) acting responsibly as the owner of land parcels with potential for exchange for state land parcels by:

(A) moving forward with the process for identifying federal land parcels suitable and desirable for exchange for state land parcels;

(B) removing barriers to the exchange of federal land parcels for state land parcels;

(C) expediting the procedures and processes necessary to execute the exchange of federal land parcels for state land parcels; and

(D) lobbying and supporting in good faith any congressional legislation to enact and finalize the exchange of federal land parcels for state land parcels;

(I) oppose the designation of BLM lands as areas of critical environmental concern (ACEC), as the BLM lands are generally not compatible with the state's plan and policy for managing the subject lands, but special cases may exist where such a designation is appropriate if compliance with FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1702(a) is clearly demonstrated and where the proposed designation and protection:

(i) is limited to the geographic size to the minimum necessary to meet the standards required by Section 63J-4-401;

(ii) is necessary to protect not just a temporary change in ground conditions or visual resources that can be reclaimed or reversed naturally, but is clearly shown as necessary to protect against visible damage on the ground that will persist on a time scale beyond that which would effectively disqualify the land for a later inventory of wilderness characteristics;

(iii) will not be applied in a geographic area already protected by other protective designations available pursuant to law; and

(iv) is not a substitute for the nonimpairment management requirements of wilderness study areas; and

(m) recognize that a BLM visual resource management class I or II rating is

generally not compatible with the state's plan and policy for managing the subject lands, but special cases may exist where such a rating is appropriate if jointly considered and created by state, local, and federal authorities as part of an economic development plan for a region of the state, with due regard for school trust lands and private lands within the area.

(2) All BLM and Forest Service decision documents should be accompanied with an analysis of the social and economic impact of the decision. Such analysis should:

(a) consider all facets of the decision in light of valuation techniques for the potential costs and benefits of the decision;

(b) clarify whether the costs and benefits employ monetized or nonmonetized techniques;

(c) compare the accuracy, completeness, and viability of monetized and nonmonetized valuation techniques used as part of the analysis, including all caveats on use of the techniques; and

(d) compare the valuation techniques employed in the analysis to the federal standards for valuation employed by the U.S. Department of Justice in court actions.

Amended by Chapter 328, 2014 General Session

63J-8-105. Maps available for public review.

A printed copy of the maps referenced in Subsections 63J-8-102(8), (20), and (21) shall be available for inspection by the public at the offices of the Utah Association of Counties.

Amended by Chapter 321, 2014 General Session

63J-8-105.1. State of Utah Transportation Plan for the Cedar City, Powell, Escalante, and Fremont ranger districts of the Dixie National Forest.

(1) (a) The state of Utah designates this state of Utah transportation plan for the Cedar City, Powell, Escalante, and Fremont ranger districts of the Dixie National Forest.

(b) The plan was established pursuant to:

(i) the requirement in the United States Forest Service's Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 528, that lands within the national forests be managed according to the principles of multiple use; and

(ii) the right which FLPMA, the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 4321 et seq., and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, give to state and local governments to participate in all BLM and United States Forest Service efforts to plan for the responsible use of BLM and United States Forest Service lands and the requirement that BLM and the United States Forest Service coordinate planning efforts with those of state and local governments.

(c) This section is a statement of the state of Utah's policy and plan for a desired transportation system for the Cedar City, Powell, Escalante, and Fremont ranger districts of the Dixie National Forest.

(d) This section does not mandate compliance with this policy by the United States Forest Service nor does it override or usurp the United States Forest Service's authority within this area.

(e) This section is a statement of state policy for use by the United States Forest Service and other interested stakeholders as required by federal law in making planning decisions and project management decisions within the Cedar City, Powell, Escalante, and Fremont ranger districts of the Dixie National Forest.

(2) There is established and designated a state of Utah transportation plan for the Cedar City, Powell, Escalante, and Fremont ranger districts of the Dixie National Forest in Garfield, Iron, Kane, and Wayne counties, Utah for the purpose of:

(a) preserving and protecting against threats to the longstanding transportation networks that have served the public for decades within these ranger districts;

(b) preserving and protecting against threats to the longstanding traditional recreation resource values that have served the public for decades within these ranger districts;

(c) preserving and protecting against threats to the longstanding public road access that is vital to the agricultural livestock and forest products industries within these ranger districts;

(d) preserving and protecting against threats to the significant history, culture, customs, and economic values in these ranger districts, and in the various communities situated near these ranger districts;

(e) preserving and protecting against threats to the civil rights of the disabled, the elderly, and the economically disadvantaged to have access to the great outdoor resource and values existing in these ranger districts;

(f) preserving and protecting against threats to road networks vital to restoring, reclaiming, preserving, protecting, enhancing, and developing the state's water resources on the watersheds existing within these ranger districts;

(g) protecting, preserving, and enhancing affected natural, historical, and cultural activities within these ranger districts from ongoing threats; and

(h) preserving and protecting the longstanding network of publicly accessible roads within these ranger districts, in order to protect:

(i) the health, safety, and welfare of citizens who live near these ranger districts, and persons who visit and recreate therein, from the threat of catastrophic fire and its resulting problems of watershed and habitat destruction, erosion, silt load, and flooding, which can only be managed, prevented, combatted, and mitigated through a proper transportation network throughout these ranger districts;

(ii) hunter access to manage wildlife populations; and

(iii) forage conditions for livestock grazing and wildlife habitat.

(3) The state of Utah transportation plan for the Cedar City, Powell, Escalante, and Fremont ranger districts of the Dixie National Forest consists of all roads shown in the map jointly prepared by the Garfield, Iron, Kane, and Wayne County GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "State of Utah Transportation Plan for Dixie National Forest," printed copies of which will be maintained by the Utah Association of Counties and made available to the public upon request.

(4) (a) (i) The map described in Subsection (3) also documents the move by

Dixie National Forest to close and otherwise deny the public's longstanding access to many of the roads shown on the map in the Cedar City, Powell, Escalante, and Fremont ranger districts, by reason of the United States Forest Service's implementing a recent motorized travel plan for the Dixie National Forest.

(ii) These closures and other denials of public road access through the motorized travel plan of the Dixie National Forest constitute an ongoing direct threat to the resources and values referenced in Subsection (2).

(b) The state of Utah's transportation plan for these ranger districts conflicts with the United States Forest Service's recent motorized travel plan for the Dixie National Forest.

(c) The state of Utah's transportation plan for these ranger districts recognizes that all roads shown on the map referenced in Subsection (3) should be kept open to the public.

(5) The state finds that keeping open to the public all roads shown on the map referenced in Subsection (3) is necessary and vital to preserve and protect the values cited in Subsection (2).

(6) The state requests that the federal agencies that administer lands within the Cedar City, Powell, Escalante, and Fremont ranger districts of the Dixie National Forest:

(a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state of Utah and the respective counties in which these ranger districts lie, to develop, amend, and implement United States Forest Service land and resource management plans and transportation plans, and implement management decisions pursuant to those plans, that are consistent with the purposes, goals, and policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under federal law;

(b) enter into agreements regarding the maintenance, upkeep, and improvement of roads in these ranger districts;

(c) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine, restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies as stated in this section; and

(d) refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary to the goals and purposes described within this section.

(7) (a) The state recognizes the importance of longstanding road networks in all national forests in the state but establishes this transportation plan to provide special protection and preservation against the identified threats found to exist in the Cedar City, Powell, Escalante, and Fremont ranger districts of the Dixie National Forest.

(b) It is the intent of the state to designate additional forest transportation plans in future years as circumstances warrant their special protection and preservation.

(8) The state calls upon applicable federal, state, and local agencies to coordinate with each other and establish applicable intergovernmental standing commissions, with membership consisting of representatives from the United States government, the state of Utah, and local governments, to coordinate and achieve consistency in planning decisions and management actions consistent with the goals and policies of this section for the Cedar City, Powell, Escalante, and Fremont ranger districts of the Dixie National Forest.

Enacted by Chapter 361, 2014 General Session

**63J-8-105.5. Uintah Basin Energy Zone established -- Findings --
Management and land use priorities.**

(1) There is established the Uintah Basin Energy Zone in Daggett, Uintah, and Duchesne Counties for the purpose of maximizing efficient and responsible development of energy and mineral resources.

(2) The land area and boundaries of the Uintah Basin Energy Zone are described in Subsection 63J-8-102(21) and illustrated on the map described in Section 63J-8-105.

(3) The state finds that:

(a) the lands comprising the Uintah Basin Energy Zone contain abundant, world-class deposits of energy and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, gilsonite, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, and copper, as well as areas with high wind and solar energy potential; and

(b) the highest management priority for all lands within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone is responsible management and development of existing energy and mineral resources in order to provide long-term domestic energy and supplies for Utah and the United States.

(4) The state supports:

(a) efficient and responsible full development of all existing energy and mineral resources located within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone, including oil, oil shale, natural gas, oil sands, gilsonite, phosphate, gold, uranium, copper, solar, and wind resources; and

(b) a cooperative management approach among federal agencies, state, and local governments to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development of all energy and mineral resources within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone.

(5) The state calls upon the federal agencies who administer lands within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone to:

(a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and with Daggett, Uintah, and Duchesne Counties to develop, amend, and implement land and resource management plans and to implement management decisions that are consistent with the purposes, goals, and policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under federal law;

(b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of mineral and energy leases and applications to drill, extract, and otherwise develop all existing energy and mineral resources located within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, gilsonite, phosphate, gold, uranium, copper, solar, and wind resources;

(c) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines, pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section;

(d) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine, restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for the Uintah Basin

Energy Zone as stated in this section; and

(e) refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary to the goals and purposes described within this section.

(6) The state calls upon Congress to establish an intergovernmental standing commission among federal, state, and local governments to guide and control planning decisions and management actions in the Uintah Basin Energy Zone in order to achieve and maintain the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the state's grazing and livestock policies and plans on land within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone shall continue to be governed by Sections 63J-4-401 and 63J-8-104.

Amended by Chapter 321, 2014 General Session

**63J-8-105.7. Green River Energy Zone established -- Findings --
Management and land use priorities.**

(1) There is established the Green River Energy Zone in Carbon and Emery Counties for the purpose of maximizing efficient and responsible development of energy and mineral resources.

(2) The land area and boundaries of the Green River Energy Zone are described in Subsection 63J-8-102(8) and illustrated on the maps described in Section 63J-8-105.

(3) The state finds that:

(a) the lands comprising the Green River Energy Zone contain abundant world-class deposits of energy and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, gilsonite, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, and copper, as well as areas with high wind and solar energy potential;

(b) for lands within the Carbon County portion of the Green River Energy Zone, the highest management priority is the responsible management, development, and extraction of existing energy and mineral resources in order to provide long-term domestic energy and supplies for Utah and the United States; and

(c) for lands within the Emery County portion of the Green River Energy Zone:

(i) the responsible management and development of existing energy and mineral resources in order to provide long-term domestic energy and supplies for Utah and the United States is a high management priority; and

(ii) the management priority described in Subsection (3)(c)(i) should be balanced with the following high management priorities:

(A) watershed health;

(B) water storage and water delivery systems;

(C) Emery County Heritage Sites;

(D) facilities and resources associated with the domestic livestock industry;

(E) wildlife and wildlife habitat; and

(F) recreation opportunities.

(4) The state supports:

(a) efficient and responsible full development of all existing energy and mineral resources located within the Green River Energy Zone, including oil, oil shale, natural

gas, oil sands, gilsonite, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, copper, solar, and wind resources; and

(b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state of Utah, and local governments to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development of all energy and mineral resources within the Green River Energy Zone.

(5) The state requests that the federal agencies that administer lands within the Green River Energy Zone:

(a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state of Utah and with Carbon and Emery Counties to develop, amend, and implement land and resource management plans and to implement management decisions that are consistent with the purposes, goals, and policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under federal law;

(b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of mineral and energy leases and applications to drill, extract, and otherwise develop all existing energy and mineral resources located within the Green River Energy Zone, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, gilsonite, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, copper, solar, and wind resources;

(c) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines, pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section;

(d) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine, restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for the Green River Energy Zone as stated in this section; and

(e) refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary to the goals and purposes within this section.

(6) The state calls upon Congress to establish an intergovernmental standing commission, with membership consisting of representatives from the United States government, the state of Utah, and local governments to guide and control planning and management actions in the Green River Energy Zone in order to achieve and maintain the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the state's grazing and livestock policies and plans on land within the Green River Energy Zone shall continue to be governed by Sections 63J-4-401 and 63J-8-104.

Amended by Chapter 321, 2014 General Session

63J-8-105.8. Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones established -- Findings -- Management and land use priorities.

(1) There are established Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones in the counties of Beaver, Emery, Garfield, Kane, Piute, Iron, Sanpete, San Juan, Sevier, and Wayne for the purpose of:

(a) preserving and protecting the agricultural livestock industry from ongoing threats;

(b) preserving and protecting the history, culture, custom, and economic value of the agricultural livestock industry from ongoing threats; and

(c) maximizing efficient and responsible restoration, reclamation, preservation, enhancement, and development of forage and watering resources for grazing and wildlife, practices, and affected natural, historical, and cultural activities from ongoing threats.

(2) The titles, land area, and boundaries of the zones are as follows:

(a) "Escalante Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service land in the following townships in Garfield and Kane counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Garfield County and Kane County Geographic Information Systems departments entitled "Escalante Region Grazing Zone":

(i) in Garfield County, Township 32S Range 6E, Township 32S Range 7E, Township 33S Range 4E, Township 33S Range 5E, Township 33S Range 6E, Township 33S Range 7E, Township 33S Range 8E, Township 34S Range 2E, Township 34S Range 3E, Township 34S Range 4E, Township 34S Range 5E, Township 34S Range 6E, Township 34S Range 7E, Township 34S Range 8E, Township 35S Range 1E, Township 35S Range 2E, Township 35S Range 3E, Township 35S Range 4E, Township 35S Range 5E, Township 35S Range 6E, Township 35S Range 7E, Township 35S Range 8E, Township 36S Range 1W, Township 36S Range 2W, Township 36S Range 3W, Township 36S Range 1E, Township 36S Range 2E, Township 36S Range 3E, Township 36S Range 4E, Township 36S Range 5E, Township 36S Range 6E, Township 36S Range 7E, Township 36S Range 8E, Township 36S Range 9E, Township 37S Range 1W, Township 37S Range 2W, Township 37S Range 3W, Township 37S Range 4W, Township 37S Range 1E, Township 37S Range 2E, Township 37S Range 3E, Township 37S Range 4E, Township 37S Range 5E, Township 37S Range 6E, Township 37S Range 7E, Township 37S Range 8E, and Township 37S Range 9E; and

(ii) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 1W, Township 38S Range 2W, Township 38S Range 3W, Township 38S Range 4W, Township 38S Range 1E, Township 38S Range 2E, Township 38S Range 3E, Township 38S Range 4E, Township 38S Range 5E, Township 38S Range 6E, Township 38S Range 7E, Township 38S Range 8E, Township 38S Range 9E, Township 39S Range 1W, Township 39S Range 2W, Township 39S Range 3W, Township 39S Range 4W, Township 39S Range 4.5W, Township 39S Range 1E, Township 39S Range 2E, Township 39S Range 3E, Township 39S Range 4E, Township 39S Range 5E, Township 39S Range 6E, Township 39S Range 7E, Township 39S Range 8E, Township 39S Range 9E, Township 40S Range 1W, Township 40S Range 2W, Township 40S Range 3W, Township 40S Range 4W, Township 40S Range 4.5W, Township 40S Range 5W, Township 40S Range 1E, Township 40S Range 2E, Township 40S Range 3E, Township 40S Range 4E, Township 40S Range 5E, Township 40S Range 6E, Township 40S Range 7E, Township 40S Range 8E, Township 40S Range 9E, Township 40.5S Range 9E, Township 41S Range 1W, Township 41S Range 2W, Township 41S Range 3W, Township 41S Range 4W, Township 41S Range 4.5W, Township 41S Range 5W, Township 41S Range 1E, Township 41S Range 2E, Township 41S Range 3E, Township 41S Range 4E, Township 41S Range 5E, Township 41S Range 6E, Township 41S Range 7E,

Township 41S Range 8E, Township 41S Range 9E, Township 42S Range 1W, Township 42S Range 2W, Township 42S Range 3W, Township 42S Range 4W, Township 42S Range 4.5W, Township 42S Range 5W, Township 42S Range 1E, Township 42S Range 2E, Township 42S Range 3E, Township 42S Range 4E, Township 42S Range 5E, Township 42S Range 6E, Township 42S Range 7E, Township 42S Range 8E, Township 42S Range 9E, Township 42.5S Range 6.5E, Township 42.5S Range 7E, Township 43S Range 1W, Township 43S Range 2W, Township 43S Range 3W, Township 43S Range 4W, Township 43S Range 4.5W, Township 43S Range 5W, Township 43S Range 1E, Township 43S Range 2E, Township 43S Range 3E, Township 43S Range 4E, Township 43S Range 5E, Township 43S Range 6E, Township 44S Range 1W, Township 44S Range 2W, Township 44S Range 3W, Township 44S Range 4W, Township 44S Range 4.5W, Township 44S Range 5W, Township 44S Range 1E, Township 44S Range 2E, Township 44S Range 3E, Township 44S Range 4E, and Township 44S Range 5E;

(b) "Beaver County Southwest Desert Region Grazing Zone," consisting of BLM lands in the following townships in Beaver County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Beaver County Geographic Information Systems Departments entitled "Beaver County Southeast Desert Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 11W, Township 27S Range 11W, Township 28S Range 11W, Township 29S Range 11W, Township 30S Range 11W, Township 26S Range 12W, Township 27S Range 12W, Township 28S Range 12W, Township 29S Range 12W, Township 30S Range 12W, Township 26S Range 13W, Township 27S Range 13W, Township 28S Range 13W, Township 29S Range 13W, Township 30S Range 13W, Township 26S Range 14W, Township 27S Range 14W, Township 28S Range 14W, Township 29S Range 14W, Township 30S Range 14W, Township 26S Range 15W, Township 27S Range 15W, Township 28S Range 15W, Township 29S Range 15W, Township 30S Range 15W, Township 26S Range 16W, Township 27S Range 16W, Township 28S Range 16W, Township 29S Range 16W, Township 30S Range 16W, Township 26S Range 17W, Township 27S Range 17W, Township 28S Range 17W, Township 29S Range 17W, Township 30S Range 17W, Township 26S Range 18W, Township 27S Range 18W, Township 28S Range 18W, Township 29S Range 18W, Township 30S Range 18W, Township 26S Range 19W, Township 27S Range 19W, Township 28S Range 19W, Township 29S Range 19W, Township 30S Range 19W, Township 26S Range 20W, Township 27S Range 20W, Township 28S Range 20W, Township 29S Range 20W, and Township 30S Range 20W;

(c) "Tushar Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service lands in the following townships in Beaver, Garfield, and Piute counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Beaver, Garfield, and Piute counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Tushar Mountain Region Grazing Zone":

(i) in Beaver County, Township 28S Range 4W, Township 29S Range 4W, Township 27S Range 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range 5W, Township 30S Range 5W, Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W, Township 28S Range 6W, Township 29S Range 6W, and Township 30S Range 6W;

(ii) in Piute County, Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W,

Township 26S Range 5W, Township 27S Range 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range 5W, Township 30S Range 5W, Township 26S Range 4.5W, Township 26S Range 4W, Township 27S Range 4W, Township 28S Range 4W, Township 29S Range 4W, Township 30S Range 4W; and

(iii) in Garfield County, Township 32S Range 5 1/2 W, Township 31S Range 5W, Township 32S Range 5W, Township 33S Range 5W, Township 32S Range 4 1/2W, Township 33S Range 4 1/2W, Township 31S Range 4W, and Township 31S Range 3W;

(d) "Last Chance Region Grazing Zone," consisting of BLM and Forest Service lands in the following townships in Sevier County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Sevier County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Last Chance Region Grazing Zone": Township 23S Range 5E, Township 24S Range 4E, Township 24S Range 5E, Township 25S Range 5E, Township 26S Range 5E;

(e) "Muddy Creek Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following townships of Emery County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Emery County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Muddy Creek Region Grazing Zone": Township 22S Range 7E, Township 23S Range 7E, Township 24S Range 7E, Township 25S Range 7E, Township 22S Range 8E, Township 23S Range 8E, Township 24S Range 8E, Township 25S Range 8E, Township 23S Range 9E, and Township 24S Range 9E;

(f) "McKay Flat Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following townships of Emery County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Emery County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "McKay Flat Region Grazing Zone": Township 25S Range 9E, Township 26S Range 9E, Township 23S Range 10E, Township 24S Range 10E, Township 25S Range 10E, Township 24S Range 11E, and Township 25S Range 11E;

(g) "Sinbad Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following townships of Emery County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Emery County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Sinbad Region Grazing Zone": Township 20S Range 11E, Township 21S Range 11E, Township 21S Range 12E, Township 22S Range 12E, Township 23S Range 12E, Township 21S Range 13E, Township 22S Range 13E, and Township 23S Range 13E;

(h) "Robbers Roost Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following townships of Emery County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Emery County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Robbers Roost Region Grazing Zone": Township 25S Range 13E, Township 26S Range 13E, Township 25S Range 14E, Township 26S Range 14E, Township 25S Range 15E, and Township 26S Range 15E;

(i) "Western Iron County Region Grazing Zone," consisting of BLM and Forest Service lands in the following townships in Iron County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Iron County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Western Iron County Region Grazing Zone": Township 31S Range 7W, Township 31S Range 8W, Township 31S Range 9W, Township 31S Range 10W, Township 31S Range 11W, Township 31S Range 12W, Township 31S Range 13W, Township 31S Range 14W, Township 31S Range 15W, Township 31S Range 16W, Township 31S

Range 17W, Township 31S Range 18W, Township 31S Range 19W, Township 31S Range 20W, Township 32S Range 8W, Township 32S Range 9W, Township 32S Range 10W, Township 32S Range 11W, Township 32S Range 12W, Township 32S Range 13W, Township 32S Range 14W, Township 32S Range 15W, Township 32S Range 16W, Township 32S Range 17W, Township 32S Range 18W, Township 32S Range 19W, Township 32S Range 20W, Township 33S Range 8W, Township 33S Range 9W, Township 33S Range 10W, Township 33S Range 11W, Township 33S Range 12W, Township 33S Range 13W, Township 33S Range 14W, Township 33S Range 15W, Township 33S Range 16W, Township 33S Range 17W, Township 33S Range 18W, Township 33S Range 19W, Township 33S Range 20W, Township 34S Range 9W, Township 34S Range 10W, Township 34S Range 11W, Township 34S Range 12W, Township 34S Range 13W, Township 34S Range 14W, Township 34S Range 15W, Township 34S Range 17W, Township 34S Range 18W, Township 34S Range 19W, Township 34S Range 20W, Township 35S Range 10W, Township 35S Range 12W, Township 35S Range 13W, Township 35S Range 14W, Township 35S Range 15W, Township 35S Range 17W, Township 35S Range 18W, Township 35S Range 19W, Township 35S Range 20W, Township 36S Range 11W, Township 36S Range 12W, Township 36S Range 13W, Township 36S Range 14W, Township 36S Range 15W, Township 36S Range 17W, Township 36S Range 18W, Township 36S Range 19W, Township 36S Range 20W, Township 37S Range 12W, Township 37S Range 13W, Township 37S Range 14W, and Township 38S Range 12W;

(j) "Eastern Iron County Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service lands in the following townships in Iron County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Iron County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Eastern Iron County Region Grazing Zone": Township 31S Range 6W, Township 31S Range 7W, Township 32S Range 6W, Township 32S Range 7W, Township 33S Range 6W, Township 33S Range 7W, Township 33S Range 8W, Township 34S Range 7W, Township 34S Range 8W, Township 34S Range 9W, Township 35S Range 8W, Township 35S Range 9W, Township 35S Range 10W, Township 36S Range 8W, Township 36S Range 9W, Township 36S Range 10W, Township 36S Range 11W, Township 37S Range 8W, Township 37S Range 9W, Township 37S Range 11W, Township 37S Range 12W, Township 38S Range 11W, Township 38S Range 12W, Township 38S Range 10W, Township 38S Range 11W, and Township 38S Range 12W, excluding Zion National Park;

(k) "Panguitch Lake Region Grazing Zone," consisting of BLM and Forest Service lands in the following townships in Kane and Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Kane County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Panguitch Lake Region Grazing Zone":

(i) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 9W, Township 38S Range 8W, Township 38S Range 7W, Township 38S Range 6W, Township 39S Range 8W, and Township 39S Range 7W; and

(ii) in Garfield County, Township 35S Range 7W, Township 36S Range 7W, Township 34S Range 6W, Township 35S Range 6W, Township 36S Range 6W, Township 37S Range 6W, Township 34S Range 5W, Township 35S Range 5W, Township 36S Range 5W, and Township 37S Range 5W;

(l) "East Fork Region Grazing Zone," the land area of which consists of certain BLM and Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Kane and Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Kane and Garfield counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "East Fork Region Grazing Zone":

(i) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 5W, Township 38S Range 4.5W, Township 39S Range 5W, and Township 39S Range 4.5W; and

(ii) in Garfield County, Township 34S Range 4 1/2W, Township 35S Range 4 1/2W, Township 36S Range 4 1/2W, Township 37S Range 4 1/2W, Township 33S Range 4W, Township 34S Range 4W, Township 35S Range 4W, Township 36S Range 4W, Township 37S Range 4W, Township 33S Range 3W, Township 34S Range 3W, Township 35S Range 3W, Township 36S Range 3W, Township 33S Range 2W, Township 34S Range 2W, and Township 35S Range 2W;

(m) "Sevier River Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service lands in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Piute GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Sevier River Region Grazing Zone": Township 27S Range 3W, Township 28S Range 3W, and Township 29S Range 3W;

(n) "Kingston Canyon Region Grazing Zone," the land area of which consists of certain BLM and Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Piute and Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Piute and Garfield counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Kingston Canyon Region Grazing Zone":

(i) in Piute County, Township 30S Range 3W, Township 30S Range 2.5W, and Township 30S Range 2W; and

(ii) in Garfield County, Township 32S Range 4W, Township 31S Range 3W, Township 32S Range 3W, Township 31S Range 2 1/2W, Township 31S Range 2W, Township 32S Range 2W, Township 31S Range 1W, and Township 32S Range 1W;

(o) "Monroe Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service lands in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Piute County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Monroe Mountain Region Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 3W, Township 27S Range 2.5W, Township 28S Range 2.5W, Township 29S Range 2.5W, Township 26S Range 2W, Township 27S Range 2W, Township 28S Range 2W, Township 29S Range 2W, Township 26S Range 1W, and Township 27S Range 1W;

(p) "Parker Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Parker Mountain Region Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 2E, Township 27S Range 2E, Township 28S Range 2E, Township 29S Range 2E, and Township 30S Range 2E;

(q) "Boulder Mountain Region Grazing Zone," the land area of which consists of certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Wayne and Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne and Garfield counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Boulder Mountain Region Grazing Zone":

(i) in Wayne County, Township 30S Range 3E, Township 30S Range 4E, and Township 30S Range 5E; and

(ii) in Garfield County, Township 35S Range 3W, Township 33S Range 2W, Township 34S Range 2W, Township 35S Range 2W, Township 31S Range 1W, Township 32S Range 1W, Township 33S Range 1W, Township 34S Range 1W, Township 35S Range 1W, Township 31S Range 1E, Township 32S Range 1E, Township 33S Range 1E, Township 34S Range 1E, Township 31S Range 2E, Township 32S Range 2E, Township 33S Range 2E, Township 34S Range 2E, Township 31S Range 3E, Township 32S Range 3E, Township 33S Range 3E, Township 31S Range 4E, Township 32S Range 4E, Township 33S Range 4E, Township 30 1/2S Range 5E, Township 31S Range 5E, Township 32S Range 5E, and Township 31S Range 6E;

(r) "Thousand Lake Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Thousand Lake Region Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 4E, Township 27S Range 4E, Township 28S Range 4E;

(s) "Hartnet-Middle Desert Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Hartnet-Middle Desert Region Grazing Zone": Township 28S Range 7E, Township 27S Range 8E, and Township 28S Range 8E;

(t) "Sandy No. 1 Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands situated in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Sandy No. 1 Region Grazing Zone": Township 29S Range 8E, Township 30S Range 8E;

(u) "Blue Benches Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Blue Benches Region Grazing Zone": Township 29S Range 9E, Township 29S Range 10E, and Township 30S Range 10E;

(v) "Wild Horse Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Wild Horse Region Grazing Zone": Township 27S Range 10E, and Township 27S Range 11E;

(w) "Hanksville Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Hanksville Region Grazing Zone": Township 29S Range 11E, Township 30S Range 11E, Township 28S Range 12E, Township 29S Range 12E, Township 30S Range 12E, and Township 30S Range 13E;

(x) "Jeffery Wells Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Jeffery Wells Region Grazing Zone": Township 27S Range 14E and Township 27S Range

15E;

(y) "Robbers Roost Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands situated in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Robbers Roost Region Grazing Zone": Township 29S Range 14E;

(z) "French Springs Region Grazing Zone," the land area of which consists of certain BLM lands situated in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "French Springs Region Grazing Zone": Township 30S Range 16E;

(aa) "12 Mile C&H Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands in the following townships of Sanpete County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Sanpete County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "12 Mile C&H Region Grazing Zone": Township 19S Range 3E and Township 20S Range 3E;

(bb) "Horseshoe Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands in the following townships of Sanpete County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Sanpete County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Horseshoe Region Grazing Zone": Township 14S Range 5E, Township 14S Range 6E, Township 15S Range 5E, and Township 15S Range 6E;

(cc) "Nokai Dome Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National Park Service lands in the following townships of San Juan County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Nokai Dome Region Grazing Zone": Township 38S Range 11E, Township 38S Range 12E, Township 39S Range 11E, Township 39S Range 12E, Township 39S Range 13E, Township 39S Range 14E, Township 39S Range 15E, Township 40S Range 10E, Township 40S Range 11E, Township 40S Range 12E, Township 40S Range 13E, Township 40S Range 14E, Township 41S Range 9E, Township 41S Range 10E, Township 41S Range 11E, and Township 41S Range 12E;

(dd) "Grand Gulch Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National Park Service lands in the following townships of San Juan County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Grand Gulch Region Grazing Zone": Township 37S Range 17E, Township 37S Range 18E, Township 38S Range 16E, Township 38S Range 17E, Township 38S Range 18E, Township 39S Range 14E, Township 39S Range 15E, Township 39S Range 16E, Township 39S Range 17E, Township 39S Range 18E, Township 40S Range 14E, Township 40S Range 15E, Township 40S Range 16E, Township 40S Range 17E, and Township 40S Range 18E;

(ee) "Cedar Mesa East Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National Park Service lands in the following townships of San Juan County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Cedar Mesa East Region Grazing Zone": Township 36S Range 20E, Township 37S Range 18E, Township 37S Range 19E, Township 37S Range 20E, Township 37S Range 21E, Township 38S Range 18E, Township 38S Range 19E, Township 38S Range 20E, Township 38S Range 21E, Township 39S Range 18E, Township 39S Range 19E, Township 39S Range 20E, Township 39S

Range 21E, Township 40S Range 18E, Township 40S Range 19E, Township 40S Range 20E, Township 40S Range 21E, Township 41S Range 18E, Township 41S Range 19E, Township 41S Range 20E, and Township 41S Range 21E;

(ff) "Mancos Mesa Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National Park Service lands in the following townships of San Juan County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Mancos Mesa Region Grazing Zone": Township 35S Range 13E, Township 36S Range 12E, Township 36S Range 13E, Township 36S Range 14E, Township 37S Range 12E, Township 37S Range 13E, Township 37S Range 14E, Township 37S Range 15E, Township 38S Range 11E, Township 38S Range 12E, Township 38S Range 13E, Township 38S Range 14E, Township 38S Range 15E, Township 38S Range 18E, Township 39S Range 13E, Township 39S Range 14E, and Township 39S Range 15E;

(gg) "Red Canyon Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National Park Service lands in the following townships of San Juan County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Red Canyon Region Grazing Zone": Township 33S Range 14E, Township 34S Range 13E, Township 34S Range 14E, Township 34S Range 15E, Township 35S Range 13E, Township 35S Range 14E, Township 35S Range 15E, Township 36S Range 14E, Township 36S Range 15E, Township 36S Range 16E, Township 36S Range 17E, Township 37S Range 14E, Township 37S Range 15E, Township 37S Range 16E, Township 37S Range 17E, Township 38S Range 15E, and Township 38S Range 16E;

(hh) "White Canyon Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National Park Service lands in the following townships of San Juan County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "White Canyon Region Grazing Zone": Township 33S Range 14E, Township 33S Range 15E, Township 33S Range 16E, Township 34S Range 14E, Township 34S Range 15E, Township 34S Range 16E, Township 34S Range 17E, Township 35S Range 15E, Township 35S Range 16E, Township 35S Range 17E, Township 35S Range 18E, Township 36S Range 15E, Township 36S Range 16E, Township 36S Range 17E, Township 36S Range 18E, Township 37S Range 17E, and Township 37S Range 18E;

(ii) "Dark Canyon/Hammond Canyon Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands in the following townships of San Juan County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Dark Canyon/Hammond Canyon Region Grazing Zone": Township 34S Range 17E, Township 34S Range 18E, Township 34S Range 19E, Township 34S Range 20E, Township 35S Range 17E, Township 35S Range 18E, Township 35S Range 19E, Township 35S Range 20E, Township 36S Range 18E, Township 36S Range 19E, Township 36S Range 20E, and Township 37S Range 19E;

(jj) "Chippean/Indian Creek Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands in the following townships of San Juan County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Chippean/Indian Creek Region Grazing Zone": Township 32S Range 21E, Township

32S Range 22E, Township 33S Range 21E, Township 33S Range 22E, Township 34S Range 20E, Township 34S Range 21E, Township 34S Range 22E, Township 35S Range 20E, Township 35S Range 21E, and Township 35S Range 22E;

(kk) "Henry Mountain Region Grazing Zone," the land area of which consists of certain BLM lands situated in the following townships in Garfield County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Garfield County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Henry Mountain Region Grazing Zone": Township 31S Range 7E, Township 31S Range 8E, Township 32S Range 8E, Township 33S Range 8E, Township 34S Range 8E, Township 31S Range 9E, Township 32S Range 9E, Township 33S Range 9E, Township 34S Range 9E, Township 35S Range 9E, Township 31S Range 10E, Township 32S Range 10E, Township 33S Range 10E, Township 34S Range 10E, Township 35S Range 10E, Township 31S Range 11E, Township 32S Range 11E, Township 33S Range 11E, Township 34S Range 11E, Township 32S Range 12E, Township 33S Range 12E, and Township 34S Range 12E;

(ll) "Glen Canyon Region Grazing Zone," the land area of which consists of certain BLM and Natural Park Service lands situated in the following townships in Garfield County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Garfield County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Glen Canyon Region Grazing Zone": Township 36S Range 9E, Township 36S Range 10E, Township 37S Range 10E, Township 35S Range 11E, Township 36S Range 11E, Township 37S Range 11E, Township 31S Range 12E, Township 32S Range 12E, Township 33S Range 12E, Township 34S Range 12E, Township 35S Range 12E, Township 35 1/2S Range 12E, Township 36S Range 12E, Township 37S Range 12E, Township 31S Range 13E, Township 32S Range 13E, Township 33S Range 13E, Township 34S Range 13E, Township 35S Range 13E, Township 35 1/2S Range 13E, Township 36S Range 13E, Township 31S Range 14E, Township 32S Range 14E, Township 32 1/2S Range 14E, Township 33S Range 14E, Township 31S Range 15E, Township 32S Range 15E, Township 32 1/2S Range 15E, Township 33S Range 15E, Township 30 1/2S Range 16E, Township 31S Range 16E, Township 32S Range 16E, Township 30 1/2S Range 17E, Township 31S Range 17E, Township 32S Range 17E, Township 30 1/2S Range 18E, and Township 31S Range 18E;

(mm) "Glendale Bench Region Grazing Zone," the land area of which consists of certain BLM and Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Kane County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Kane County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Glendale Bench Region Grazing Zone": Township 39S Range 6W, Township 39S Range 5W, Township 39S Range 4.5W, Township 40S Range 7W, Township 40S Range 6W, Township 41S Range 7W, and Township 41S Range 6W; and

(nn) "John R. Region Grazing Zone," the land area of which consists of certain BLM and Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Kane County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Kane County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "John R. Region Grazing Zone": Township 41S Range 7W, Township 41S Range 6W, Township 42S Range 7W, Township 42S Range 6W, Township 43S Range 6W, and Township 44S Range 6W.

(3) Printed copies of the maps referenced in Subsection (2) shall be available

for inspection by the public at the offices of the Utah Association of Counties.

(4) The state finds with respect to the grazing zones described in Subsection (2) that:

(a) agricultural livestock industry on the lands comprising these zones has provided a significant contribution to the history, customs, culture, economy, welfare, and other values of each area for more than 100 years;

(b) the potential for abundant natural and vegetative resources exists within these zones if managed properly, that will support and expand continued, responsible agricultural livestock activities and wildlife habitat;

(c) agricultural livestock activities in these zones and the associated historic resources, human history, shaping of human endeavors, variety of cultural resources, landmarks, structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest are worthy of recognition, preservation, and protection;

(d) (i) the highest management priority for lands within these zones is the preservation, restoration, and enhancement of watershed and rangeland health to sustain and expand forage production for both livestock grazing and wildlife habitat, and the restoration and development of historic, existing, and future livestock grazing and wildlife habitat resources in order to provide protection for the resources, objects, customs, culture, and values identified above; and

(ii) notwithstanding Subsection (4)(d)(i), if part or all of any zone lies within a sage grouse management area, then the management priorities for such part shall be consistent with the management priorities set forth in Subsection (4)(d)(i) to the maximum extent consistent with the management priorities of the sage grouse management area;

(e) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any deposits of energy and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, and copper, as well as areas with wind and solar energy potential, that may exist in these zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these zones; and

(f) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any recreation resources, including roads, campgrounds, water resources, trails, OHV use, sightseeing, canyoneering, hunting, fishing, trapping, and hiking resources that may exist in these grazing zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these grazing zones.

(5) The state finds with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2) that the historic levels of livestock grazing activity and other values identified in Subsection (4) in each zone have greatly diminished, or are under other serious threat, due to:

(a) unreasonable, arbitrary, and unlawfully restrictive federal management policies, including:

(i) de facto managing for wilderness in nonwilderness areas and non-WSAs;

(ii) ignoring the chiefly valuable for grazing designation of the Secretary of the Interior applicable to each of these zones; and

(iii) the arbitrary administrative reductions in animal unit months of permitted forage;

(b) inflexible federal grazing practices that disallow grazing at different times

each year proven to be most effective for maintaining and enhancing rangeland conditions;

(c) mismanagement of wild horses and burros resulting in competition for forage by excess and mismanaged populations of wild horses and burros in Beaver and Emery counties;

(d) improper management of vegetation resulting in the overgrowth of pinion, invasive species, and juniper, and other woody vegetation that:

- (i) compromise watershed and rangeland health;
- (ii) crowd out grazing forage;
- (iii) degrade habitat and limit wildlife populations;
- (iv) reduce water yield; and
- (v) heighten the risk of catastrophic wildfire; and
- (e) other practices that degrade overall rangeland health.

(6) To protect and preserve against the threats described in Subsection (5), the state supports the following with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2):

(a) efficient and sustained policies, programs, and practices directed at preserving, restoring, and enhancing watershed and rangeland health to maximize:

(i) all permitted forage production for livestock grazing and other compatible uses, including flexible grazing on and off dates adaptive to yearly climate and range conditions; and

(ii) forage for fish and wildlife;

(b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state, and local government agencies to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development of:

(i) forage resources for grazing livestock and wildlife; and

(ii) other uses compatible with livestock grazing and wildlife utilization;

(c) effective and responsible management of wild horses and burros to eliminate excess populations; and

(d) effective and responsible management of wildlife habitat.

(7) The state requests that the federal agencies that administer lands within each grazing zone:

(a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and the respective counties within which each grazing zone is situated to develop, amend, and implement land and resource management plans, and implement management decisions that are consistent with the purposes, goals, and policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under federal law;

(b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of grazing permits, range improvements, and applications to enhance and otherwise develop all existing and permitted grazing resources located within each grazing zone, including renewable vegetative resources;

(c) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines, pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section and consistent with multiple use and sustained yield principles;

(d) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will

undermine, restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for each grazing zone as stated in this section;

(e) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary to the goals and purposes described within this section; and

(f) refrain from implementing utilization standards less than 50%, unless:

(i) implementing a standard of less than 50% utilization on a temporary basis is necessary to resolve site-specific concerns; and

(ii) the federal agency consults, coordinates, and cooperates fully with local governments.

(8) (a) The state recognizes the importance of all grazing districts on Utah BLM and Forest Service lands but establishes the grazing zones described in Subsection (2) to provide special protection and preservation against the identified threats found in Subsection (5) to exist in these zones.

(b) It is the intent of the state to designate additional grazing agricultural commodity zones in future years, if circumstances warrant special protection and preservation for new zones.

(9) The state calls upon applicable federal, state, and local agencies to coordinate with each other and establish applicable intergovernmental standing commissions, with membership consisting of representatives from the United States government, the state, and local governments to coordinate and achieve consistency in planning decisions and management actions in zones described in Subsection (2) in order to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section.

(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, and subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the state's mineral, oil, gas, and energy policies and plans on land within the zones described in Subsection (2) shall be governed by Sections 63J-4-401 and 63J-8-104.

Enacted by Chapter 321, 2014 General Session

63J-8-105.9. Utah Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones established -- Findings -- Management and land use priorities.

(1) There are established and designated Utah Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones for the purpose of:

(a) preserving and protecting the agricultural timber, logging, and forest products industry within these zones from ongoing threats;

(b) preserving and protecting the significant history, culture, customs, and economic value of the agricultural timber, logging, and forest products industry within these zones from ongoing threats; and

(c) maximizing efficient and responsible restoration, reclamation, preservation, enhancement, and development of timber, logging, and forest products and affected natural, historical, and cultural activities within these zones, in order to protect and preserve these zones from ongoing threats.

(2) The titles, land area, and boundaries of these zones are described as follows:

(a) "Tushar Mountain Region Timber Zone," the land area of which consists of

certain Forest Service lands in the following townships in Beaver County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Beaver and Piute counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Tushar Mountain Region Timber Zone":

(i) in Beaver County, Township 28S Range 4W, Township 29S Range 4W, Township 27S Range 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range 5W, Township 30S Range 5W, Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W, Township 28S Range 6W, Township 29S Range 6W, Township 30S Range 6W; and

(ii) in Piute County, Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W, Township 26S Range 5W, Township 27S Range 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range 5W, Township 30S Range 5W, Township 26S Range 4.5W, Township 26S Range 4W, Township 28S Range 4W, Township 29S Range 4W, Township 30S Range 4W;

(b) "Panguitch Lake Region Timber Zone," the land area of which consists of certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Iron, Kane, and Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Iron, Kane, and Garfield counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Panguitch Lake Region Timber Zone":

(i) in Iron County, Township 34S Range 7W, Township 35S Range 8W, Township 36S Range 8W, Township 36S Range 9W (excluding Cedar Breaks National Monument and Ashdown Wilderness Area), Township 37S Range 8W, and Township 37S Range 9W;

(ii) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 9W, Township 38S Range 8W, Township 38S Range 7W, Township 38S Range 6W, Township 39S Range 8W, Township 39S Range 7W, Township 39S Range 6W; and

(iii) in Garfield County, Township 35S Range 7W, Township 35S Range 6W, Township 36S Range 7W, Township 36S Range 6W, Township 37S Range 7W, and Township 37S Range 6W;

(c) "Monroe Mountain Region Timber Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Piute County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Monroe Mountain Region Timber Zone": Township 26S Range 3W, Township 27S Range 2.5W, Township 28S Range 2.5W, Township 29S Range 2.5W, Township 26S Range 2W, Township 27S Range 2W, Township 28S Range 2W, Township 29S Range 2W, Township 26S Range 1W, and Township 7S Range 1W;

(d) "Boulder Mountain Region Timber Zone," the land area of which consists of certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Wayne and Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne and Garfield counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Boulder Mountain Region Timber Zone":

(i) in Wayne County, Township 30S Range 3E, Township 30S Range 4E, and Township 30S Range 5E; and

(ii) in Garfield County, Township 31S Range 1E, Township 31S Range 2E, Township 31S Range 3E, Township 32S Range 2E, Township 32S Range 3E, Township 32S Range 4E, Township 33S Range 3E, Township 33S Range 4E, Township 30 1/2S Range 5E, Township 31S Range 5E, Township 31S Range 6E,

Township 32S Range 5E, and Township 32S Range 6E;

(e) "Thousand Lake Region Timber Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Thousand Lake Region Timber Zone": Township 26S Range 4E, Township 27S Range 4E, and Township 28S Range 4E;

(f) "Millers Flat Region Timber Zone," the land area of which consists of certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Sanpete County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Sanpete County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Millers Flat Region Timber Zone": Township 16S Range 5E, Township 17S Range 5E, Township 17S Range 4E, and Township 17S Range 6E;

(g) "East Fork Timber Zone," the land area of which consists of certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Garfield and Kane counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Garfield and Kane counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "East Fork Region Timber Zone":

(i) in Garfield County, Township 36S Range 4 1/2W, Township 36S Range 4W, Township 37S Range 5W, Township 37S Range 4 1/2W, and Township 37S Range 4W; and

(ii) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 5W, Township 38S Range 4.5W, Township 39S Range 5W, and Township 39S Range 4.5W;

(h) "Upper Valley Timber Zone," the land area of which consists of certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Garfield County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Garfield County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Upper Valley Region Timber Zone": Township 34S Range 1W, Township 35S Range 1W, Township 35S Range 1E, Township 36S Range 1W, Township 36S Range 1E, and Township 37S Range 1E;

(i) "Iron Springs Timber Zone," the land area of which consists of certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Garfield County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Garfield County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Iron Springs Region Timber Zone": Township 32S Range 1E, Township 33S Range 1W, Township 33S Range 1E, and Township 34S Range 1W; and

(j) "Dutton Timber Zone," the land area of which consists of certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Garfield County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Garfield County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Dutton Region Timber Zone": Township 32S Range 3W, Township 32S Range 2W, Township 33S Range 3W, and Township 33S Range 2W.

(3) Printed copies of the maps referenced in Subsection (2) shall be available for inspection by the public at the offices of the Utah Association of Counties.

(4) The state finds with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2) that:

(a) agricultural timber, logging, and forest product industries on the lands comprising these timber zones have provided a significant contribution to the history, customs, culture, economy, welfare, and other values of each area for many decades;

(b) abundant natural and vegetative resources exist within these zones to support and expand continued, responsible timber, logging, and other forest product

activities;

(c) agricultural timber, logging, and forest product activities in these zones, and the associated historic resources, human history, shaping of human endeavors, variety of cultural resources, landmarks, structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest are worthy of recognition, preservation, and protection;

(d) (i) the highest management priority for lands within these zones is maintenance and promotion of forest and vegetation ecosystem health achieved by responsible active management in development of historic, existing, and future timber, logging, and forest product resources in order to provide protection for the resources, objects, customs, culture, and values identified above; and

(ii) notwithstanding Subsection (4)(d)(i), if part or all of any zone lies within a sage grouse management area, then the management priorities for such part shall be consistent with the management priorities set forth in Subsection (4)(d)(i) to the maximum extent consistent with the management priorities of the sage grouse management area;

(e) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any deposits of energy and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, and copper, as well as areas with wind and solar energy potential, that may exist in these zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these zones; and

(f) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any recreation resources, including wildlife, roads, campgrounds, water resources, trails, OHV use, sightseeing, canyoneering, hunting, fishing, trapping, and hiking resources that may exist in these timber zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these timber zones.

(5) The state finds that the historic levels of timber, logging, and forest products activities in the zones described in Subsection (2) have greatly diminished, or are under serious threat, due to:

(a) unreasonable, arbitrary, and unlawfully restrictive federal management policies, including:

(i) de facto managing for wilderness in nonwilderness areas;

(ii) ignoring the multiple use sustained yield mission of the Forest Service;

(iii) ignoring the fact that the Forest Service's parent agency is the United States Department of Agriculture whose mission includes providing timber as an important agriculture resource; and

(iv) the arbitrary administrative reductions in timber, logging, and forest products activities;

(b) improper management of forest vegetation resulting in the overcrowding of old growth alpine species and the crowding out of aspen diversity, all of which results in:

(i) devastation of entire mountainsides due to insect infestation and disease;

(ii) reduced water yield;

(iii) increased catastrophic wildfire;

(iv) increased soil erosion;

(v) degradation of wildlife habitat; and

(vi) suppression and threatened extinction of important rural economic activities;
and

(c) other practices that degrade overall forest health.

(6) To protect and preserve against the threats described in Subsection (5), the state supports the following with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2):

(a) efficient and responsible development, within each timber zone, of:

(i) robust timber thinning and harvesting programs and activities; and

(ii) other uses compatible with increased timber, logging, and forest product activities, including a return to historic levels of timber, logging, and forest product activity in each of these zones;

(b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state, and local governments to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development, within each timber zone, of:

(i) forest product resources; and

(ii) other uses compatible with timber activities; and

(c) effective and responsible management of wildlife habitat.

(7) The state requests that the federal agencies that administer lands within each timber zone:

(a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and the respective counties within which each timber zone is situated to develop, amend, and implement land and resource management plans and implement management decisions that are consistent with the purposes, goals, and policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under federal law;

(b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of logging and forest product harvesting permits, range improvements, and applications to enhance and otherwise develop existing and permitted timber resources located within each timber zone, including renewable vegetative resources;

(c) expedite stewardship programs to allow private enterprise to carry out the timber, logging, and forest activities described in this section;

(d) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines, pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section and consistent with multiple use and sustained yield principles;

(e) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine, restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for each timber zone as stated in this section; and

(f) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary to the goals and purposes described within this section.

(8) (a) The state recognizes the importance of all areas on BLM and Forest Service lands high value lumber and forest product resources but establishes the special Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones to provide special protection and preservation against the identified threats found in Subsection (5) to exist in these zones.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature to designate additional Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones in future years, if circumstances warrant special protection and

preservation for new zones.

(9) The state calls upon applicable federal, state, and local agencies to coordinate with each other and establish applicable intergovernmental standing commissions, with membership consisting of representatives from the United States government, the state, and local governments to coordinate and achieve consistency in planning decisions and management actions in the zones described in Subsection (2).

(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, and subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the state's mineral, oil, gas, and energy policies, as well as its grazing policies, on land within zones described in Subsection (2), shall continue to be governed by Sections 63J-4-401 and 63J-8-104.

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63J-8-106. County supported federal land use designation proposed in proposed congressional land use legislation -- Process for legislative review of proposed federal legislation land use within a county.

(1) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Legislature may, in accordance with this section, recommend to the Utah congressional delegation proposed congressional land use legislation that is supported by a county.

(b) A county that fails to comply with the requirements of this section may not communicate or otherwise represent in any way that a federal land use designation contained in proposed congressional land use legislation has the support or approval of the Legislature.

(2) If a county supports a federal land use designation contained in proposed congressional land use legislation, the county shall:

(a) prepare a report on the proposed congressional land use legislation in accordance with Subsection (3);

(b) draft a concurrent resolution for a legislative committee's consideration, in accordance with Subsection (7)(a), in support of the proposed congressional land use legislation; and

(c) subject to Subsection (4)(a), deliver the report and draft concurrent resolution to the office.

(3) The report required in Subsection (2)(a) shall include:

(a) a copy of the proposed congressional land use legislation;

(b) a detailed description of the land or watercourse proposed for a federal land use designation, including:

(i) the total acres of federal land proposed for a federal land use designation;

(ii) (A) a map showing the location of the land or watercourse; and

(B) the proposed type of federal land use designation for each location;

(iii) a proposed land conveyance or land proposed for auction by the BLM, if any; and

(iv) (A) school and institutional trust land, as defined in Section 53C-1-103, proposed for a land exchange, if any; and

(B) whether the county has coordinated with SITLA on the proposed land exchange;

(c) an explanation of whether a federal land use designation will assist in resolving long-standing public lands issues, such as wilderness disputes, economic development, recreational use, and access to public lands;

(d) a narrative description of the economic, recreational, and cultural impacts, taken as a whole, on a county and the state that would occur if Congress adopted the proposed congressional land use legislation, including an impact on state revenues;

(e) an account of actions, if any, proposed in a federal land use designation to minimize impacts on:

(i) resource extraction activities occurring on the land or in the watercourse proposed for a federal land use designation, including mining and energy development; and

(ii) motorized recreational use and public access;

(f) a summary of potential benefits gained by the county and state if Congress adopts the proposed congressional land use legislation;

(g) a description of the stakeholders and their positions on a federal land use designation;

(h) whether land identified for a federal land use designation is BLM recommended wilderness;

(i) an explanation of what the proposed congressional land use legislation proposes for federal land located in the county other than land identified for the federal land use designation;

(j) (i) a description of the impact that, if adopted by Congress, the proposed congressional land use legislation would have on access to roads currently identified as part of an adopted county transportation plan as described in Section 63J-4-401; and

(ii) if a federal land use designation proposes to close a road described in Subsection (3)(j)(i), an explanation for the road closure and a copy of the minutes of any county public hearing in which the proposed road closures were discussed and public comment was taken;

(k) (i) a description of a proposed resolution for an R.S. 2477 right-of-way, if any, located within the area identified in a federal land use designation; and

(ii) whether a proposed resolution described in Subsection (3)(k)(i) would include a quiet title action concerning an R.S. 2477 right-of-way;

(l) an explanation of whether a federal land use designation proposes a hard release of all public lands and watercourses not included in the federal land use designation, placing the land and watercourses in multiple use management;

(m) an explanation of whether a federal land use designation proposes a prohibition on further federal action under the Antiquities Act of 1906, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 431 et seq.;

(n) a narrative description of a federal land use designation's interaction with, if any, a regional haze rule adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

(o) an explanation of whether a federal land use designation would authorize best management practices as part of an active effort to control on the land or watercourse proposed for a federal land use designation:

- (i) wildfire;
 - (ii) invasive species, including insects; and
 - (iii) disease;
 - (p) if applicable, a statement as to whether a federal land use designation would allow for the continuation of existing grazing permits;
 - (q) a statement as to the presence or need of passive water management facilities or activities for livestock or wildlife, such as guzzlers or fencing, for the management of wildlife or livestock;
 - (r) if a federal land use designation identifies land that has oil, gas, or mineral deposits, an explanation as to why the federal land use designation includes the land;
 - (s) (i) a statement as to whether a federal land use designation:
 - (A) affects land or a watercourse located exclusively within the county; or
 - (B) affects, whether by an actual federal land use designation or by implication if a federal land use designation is adopted, land or a watercourse located in another county; and
 - (ii) if the land use proposal would affect land or a watercourse located in another county, whether that county supports the proposed congressional land use legislation;
 - (t) an explanation of whether a proposed land use designation designates land as wilderness in the National Wilderness Preservation System or designates land as a national conservation area that is not part of:
 - (i) BLM recommended wilderness; or
 - (ii) Forest Service land recommended for wilderness designation in RARE II;
 - and
 - (u) a statement explaining whether and to what extent members of Utah's congressional delegation and their staff were consulted in preparing the proposed congressional land use legislation and the federal land use designation contained therein.
- (4) (a) No later than 60 days before delivering a report and draft concurrent resolution in accordance with Subsection (2), a county shall contact and inform the office of the county's intention to prepare and deliver the report and draft concurrent resolution.
- (b) The office may give general guidance to a county described in Subsection (4)(a), as requested, as to compliance with this section.
- (5) The office shall prepare an evaluation of the county's report, including whether the county has addressed each matter described in Subsection (3).
- (6) The office shall deliver the evaluation described in Subsection (5), including a copy of the county's report, the proposed congressional land use legislation, and the draft concurrent resolution, no later than 30 days after receiving the county's report:
- (a) if the Legislature is not in session, and subject to Subsection (6)(b), to the chair of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee; or
 - (b) if the Legislature is in session or there are no scheduled meetings of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee before the beginning of the next legislative session, to the chair of either the House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee or the Senate Natural Resources,

Agriculture, and Environment Committee.

(7) (a) At a committee's next scheduled meeting after receiving a report, the draft concurrent resolution, and a copy of the proposed congressional land use legislation, the committee shall:

(i) review:

(A) the county's report;

(B) the draft concurrent resolution, if the concurrent resolution has a legislative sponsor; and

(C) the office's evaluation;

(ii) if the draft concurrent resolution is presented to the committee, consider whether to approve or reject the draft concurrent resolution;

(iii) if the draft concurrent resolution is rejected, provide direction to the county as to the reasons the resolution was rejected and the actions that the county might take to secure committee approval of the resolution; and

(iv) take any additional action the committee finds necessary.

(b) A legislative committee may not accept for review a county-supported federal land use designation contained in proposed congressional land use legislation that does not meet the requirements of this section.

(8) (a) If the committee rejects the draft concurrent resolution, a county may resubmit a revised report and draft concurrent resolution to the office in accordance with the terms of this section.

(b) Upon receipt of a revised report and draft concurrent resolution, the office shall comply with the procedures set forth in this section.

(c) Upon receipt of a revised report, evaluation, and draft concurrent resolution by the office, a committee described in Subsection (6) shall comply with the procedures set forth in this section.

(9) The governor may call a special session to consider the concurrent resolution presented to and approved by a committee described in Subsection (7)(a).

(10) If a concurrent resolution described in this section is adopted by the Legislature and signed by the governor, the Office of the Governor shall forward a copy of the concurrent resolution, the county's report, and the proposed congressional land use legislation to Utah's congressional delegation.

Repealed and Re-enacted by Chapter 165, 2012 General Session

63J-8-107. Authority of the governor.

Nothing in this chapter may be construed to alter, affect, or diminish the authority of the governor.

Enacted by Chapter 165, 2012 General Session